

# MOKAU SCHOOL



**Together we can do it – ka taea e tatou – together we are able**

**WEEK 5 TERM 2, 30 May 2016**

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Winter has arrived!

What a wet and windy winter it is going to be if last week's weather is any indication of what is to come. Thanks Rob for lighting our fires in the morning to warm our classrooms. Unfortunately with the onslaught of winter we are already experiencing student ill health. If your child is not well we ask that you please keep them at home to minimise the spread of ailments to other students. The asthma nurse visited last week and all students watched a good little video about asthma. There was a clear message for asthmatic students to use their preventative inhaler on a daily basis and they will find they will not need their blue inhaler very often. Winter sports are well underway and thanks must go to Wendy Smyth for her organisation of the hockey teams and for the parents who are transporting students to sports and encouraging the teams - we love hearing and reading the sports reports.

Regards,  
Diane Scott

**Roopu Points:** Students are working very hard, and being very helpful to earn roopu points. The totals after 4 weeks are very very close:

Porsche	49	Toyotas	47
Mustang	48	Minis	47

**Te reo Māori:**

Te Kupu o te Wiki for the week starting Rāhina, te 30 o Haratui, 2016 is **tangata/tāngata:** person/people  
He tangata pai koe.  
You are a good person.

**Certificates**

Duffy Reading Award - Ryan for great improvement in reading fluency.  
Student of the Week - Sophia for always giving her best, what fantastic presentation of your book work.  
Best Foot Forward - Kayla for being a supportive sister and class member.

**Stationery**

There are a number of stationery accounts outstanding. Please settle your account with the office as soon as possible.



**Bouquet of the week** goes to the Home and School Committee. This week 8 new laptops were delivered to school. Senior students are very excited and looking forward to learning new ICT skills with the ability to use a class set of laptops.

The Bike Ride provided the funds for the purchase as well as the funds for provision of Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Reading Express. Students use these programmes at school but they are also able to login with their access codes at home.

**Feedback Please**

**What qualities and skills do we want 'graduates' of Mokau to possess?**

This is a question we would like to get your feedback on as we build our curriculum documents. We would like to build a one page document for each curriculum area and would value input from our school community. If you would like to make comment please send the office an email with your thoughts. We will be asking the students the same question.

**This Term's Dates for Dairies**

**May**

**Tonight** Tonight Tonight Tonight  
Home & School Meeting 6.55 pm

**June**

1<sup>st</sup> Manual  
Jeni Portway (RTLB) visiting  
6<sup>th</sup> Queen's Birthday Holiday  
10<sup>th</sup> Corinne Peters - our Ministry Advisor visiting  
13<sup>th</sup> First Time Principal's workshop  
15<sup>th</sup> Manual  
Anne Purves visiting  
Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm

20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

Education Review Office (ERO) visit

29<sup>th</sup> Manual  
30<sup>th</sup> Anne Purves visiting

**July**

1<sup>st</sup> Winterfest - Dance  
Last wk Sir Peter Blake award  
Science Fair Presentation  
8<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 2

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### Assembly

Just a reminder that we have an assembly every week at 2.30 on Fridays. All parents are welcome. Assembly is a short celebration of our week's events and achievements. The parents who came to assembly last week were entertained by two senior, impromptu plays with the juniors wanting to perform the 3 Billy Goats Gruff next week.



In a couple of weeks we are hoping to have a keyboard recital from the students who have taken up the opportunity to learn keyboard this term with Mary-Elizabeth Hagenson.

### Newsletters and Tainui Trader

Parents and students should feel free to contribute articles and reports for our newsletter and Tainui Trader particularly for extra curricula activities the students are involved in.

### Senior Science

Last week senior students explored the science of candy canes. Despite just wanting to eat them, students experimented with immersing candy canes in cold water, warm water and oil to see the effect.



These simple exploratory science experiments are igniting ideas for students to perform their own science experiment idea for this year's science fair. There are some wonderful sites to get students ideas flowing. Here are just a few 'science for kids' sites students could be looking at, at home, to get an idea for their science fair project

[http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project\\_ideas.shtml](http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project_ideas.shtml)

<https://sciencebob.com/category/science-fair-ideas/>

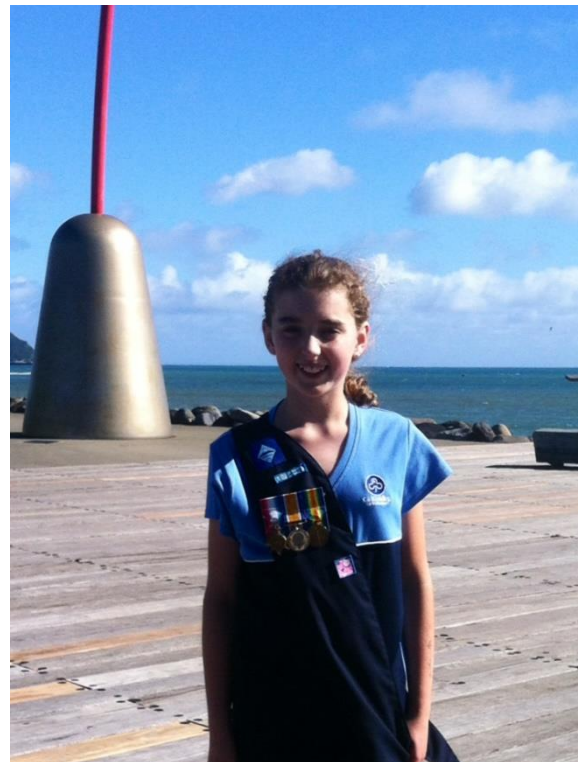
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<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments.html>

### Senior Camp

In Term 4 Year 5 -8 students will have the opportunity to attend camp. This year we are heading to Waitomo and we have received the action packed 3 day programme (Oct 26 - 28). Eight Ahititi School students are now going to join our camp experience. Shortly documentation will start coming home, which may seem very early, but we need an indication of parents who would like to attend (we already have one volunteer) in order to have adults police vetted (a new requirement of the Vulnerable Children's Act). We would like one female and one male parent to stay each night at camp to meet our adult to student ratio and to supervise the cabins. Additional parents are welcome to attend during the day.

**Mokau District Nurse:** If you are interested in getting a FLU injection please get in contact with Patsy on 7529723.



Eve in her Girl Guide uniform